

What is MASSTART?

MASSTART is a FREE service supported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

MASSTART providers help families and schools plan for the health care and safety of children with special health care needs, especially those who are assisted by medical technology, so that they can attend schools safely in Massachusetts.

MASSTART providers have extensive experience providing health care services to children and adolescents with a wide range of complex health conditions and technology needs



Who can use MASSTART services?

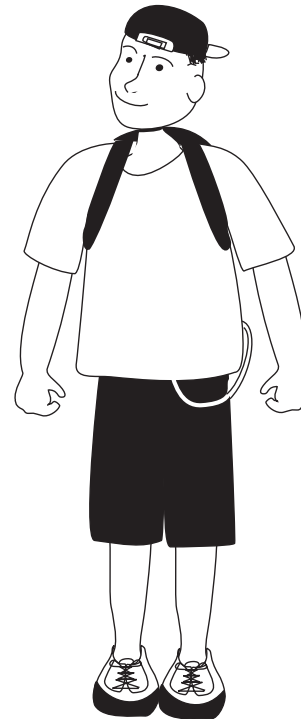
Families who have children with complex medical issues and/or are assisted by medical technology (e.g. a child may use feeding tubes, tracheostomy, ventilator, oxygen, intravenous lines, or have HIV etc.)

Health care providers

School personnel

Early intervention providers

Community agencies



What does MASSTART do?

MASSTART providers work collaboratively with families and school personnel to:

Help the school team understand the special health care needs of the child.

Work with schools and families toward resolving the issues impacting the child's health needs in the school day.

Train school personnel to meet the health care needs of individual children.

Assist in the development of the child's individual health care plan and emergency plan for school.

Provide educational programs about children with special health care needs in school.

Provide information, referral, and community resources.

How can you obtain MASSTART services?

Contact the MASSTART provider in your area. (Contact information is provided in the back of the brochure).

Comments from families and school personnel who have used MASSTART services:

"MASSTART gave immediate attention when called upon."

"MASSTART really helped keep everyone focused as we plowed thru each issue again and again."

"MASSTART went above and beyond to ensure that my son got the health and emergency care plans that he needed."

"MASSTART gave me another skilled individual to bounce my ideas off."

"MASSTART is dedicated to advocating for the health care needs of children."

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**Massachusetts
Technology Assistance Resource Team**

A Free Program Providing Services for
Children With Special Health Care Needs
and Who May Be Assisted by Medical
Technology in the School Setting



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